

CONEY SCHOOL SITE DEAL LAID TO CRAIG

Mayor Says Comptroller
Recommended Settlement
With Lot Owners.

DEMANDS AN INQUIRY

Corporation Counsel Is Told
to Aid Hirshfield in
Investigation.

FERRY MATTER LOOMS UP

O'Brien Wins Chance to Get
Back at His Accuser in
Astoria Deal.

Just when Comptroller Craig was preparing to ask the District Attorney of Kings county to investigate the circumstances surrounding the selection of a Coney Island school site at Neptune avenue and Thirtieth street by Dr. Edward B. Shallow, Associate Superintendent of Schools, Mayor Hyman began yesterday a counter attack upon the Comptroller in an effort to throw the onus of the Coney situation back upon Mr. Craig.

That move was revealed when the Mayor made public a letter in which he instructed John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, to cooperate with David Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts, in an investigation of the Comptroller's connection with the city's disposal of the property which the Comptroller charges the Board of Education wants to buy back at a disadvantageous price.

Old Feud Is Reopened.

The row over the Coney Island school site marked the reopening of the old feud between the Mayor and Comptroller which had given promise of fading, and the Mayor's newest move indicates abandonment of billingsgate weapons in favor of the utmost they can do to each other through courts and grand juries.

The indignation expressed by Mr. O'Brien when he learned Saturday of the Comptroller's charges that through failure to give full information to the court he had placed the city in position to lose more than \$200,000 in the purchase of the Astoria ferry indicates that the Corporation Counsel will follow the Mayor's instructions with enthusiasm.

It is expected that the Corporation Counsel himself may begin a counter attack against the Comptroller in connection with the ferry rumpus. It is understood that the Corporation Counsel was displeased because the Comptroller did not reveal a certain communication Mr. O'Brien had written to him setting forth his side of the affair, and, further, that the appraisal of the ferry property submitted by the Corporation Counsel's examiner was lower than the figures turned in by examiners under the Comptroller's direction.

Hyman's Order for Inquiry.

The Mayor's letter to Mr. O'Brien ordering an investigation of the Comptroller's connection with the Coney Island transactions follows:

"I have instructed the Commissioner of Accounts to make a thorough investigation into all the facts of the settlement by the Comptroller with the record owners of certain lands on Neptune avenue and Coney Island Creek, Coney Island, and the title to which has been in dispute for many years.

"As you undoubtedly know, the resolution adopted by the Sinking Fund Commission on July 8, 1920, establishing the method of procedure for these adjustments, as well as the resolutions amendatory thereto, were prepared and offered by the Comptroller, and that in voting on these resolutions the members of the Sinking Fund Commission, including myself, acted upon the report made by the Comptroller and his recommendations contained in said report.

"Inasmuch as the Department of Finance included a real estate bureau and is the only office in the city government equipped to appraise value of property to be acquired, released or otherwise disposed of by the city, the members of the Sinking Fund Commission were justified in believing that the Comptroller's report, made under Chapter 590 of the Laws of 1916, was founded on facts and that his recommendation as to the price to be paid for these several parcels of land by the several record title owners and the terms of adjustment with them were just to the city and to said record owners.

"I have caused these resolutions to be rescinded by the Sinking Fund Commission.

"While some of this land was recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has not yet taken action. "The question involved is: Did the Comptroller recommend the release of these lands to these various record title owners at a price disadvantageous to the city?

"Confer with the Commissioner of Accounts and take such steps in the matter as you may deem necessary."

GETS 'DIVINE MESSAGE,' TRIES TO KILL WIFE

Ex-Policeman Shoots at Woman Who Left Him.

Bernard A. Kane, 37 years old, for eleven years a policeman, was locked up last night in the police station at West New Brighton, S. I., on a charge of felonious assault after the shooting of his wife in the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. O'Neill of 4 Rosewood place, Stapleton.

Kane told the police that his wife left his home at 145 Park avenue three days ago and took their three children to Staten Island. He said that he went to church yesterday morning when he got off duty and that a divine message came to him to kill his wife for leaving him. Accordingly, he said, he took off his uniform, got his revolver and went to Staten Island. He fired one shot at his wife as she was standing in a doorway and she fell into the room opposite him. Thinking he had killed her, Kane notified the police. The bullet, however, had only grazed his wife's cheek and cut a little piece out of her ear.

\$6,666 FEE FOR COLLECTING \$20,000 CALLED REASONABLE

Max D. Steuer, Lawyer, Defends Claim He Made
Against Widow, Declaring His Services Com-
mand Average of \$1,000 a Day.

One-third the total amount collected for a client is not an exorbitant fee, according to Max D. Steuer, a trial lawyer, in an affidavit submitted to Supreme Court Justice Whitaker, which states that for several years "my services have commanded a very high compensation, or an average of \$1,000 a day for 300 days a year."

The court heard the application of Mrs. Amelia Hamburger, widow of Louis J. Hamburger, to compel Mr. Steuer to return two notes, each for \$10,000 of the Coastwise Lumber and Supply Company, on the ground that he is unlawfully withholding them and is

claiming \$6,666 for services not worth more than \$2,500.

Mrs. Hamburger said she engaged Mr. Steuer to collect commissions and profits due to her husband's estate from the lumber company and Mr. Steuer said nothing about the amount of his fee until a few days before the trial, when he told her he would expect to get one-third of what she recovered. Previously, she said, Mr. Steuer told her he would charge a "reasonable" fee, because her husband left only the claim against the Coastwise Lumber and Supply Company and \$5,000 life insurance for the support of her and three children.

After he got out it was announced the city was going to save the \$6,666 salary attached to the post and that there would be no deputy named.

Shortly afterward that vacancy was discovered as a place which Warren Hubbard could have and he was appointed in October, 1920, and has been there since. The Mayor was asked to explain this sudden shift of attitude toward the Tammany leader, but all he ever would say was that it was a "personal appointment." The legislative committee will inquire what service Hubbard has been giving the city and how much time he has spent earning his salary.

There are now three Deputies. One of the first recommendations the committee may make will be the abolition of at least two of the Deputy Commissionerships.

Members of the committee are looking for a lively session this afternoon when Police Commissioner Enright appears at 2 o'clock in answer to a subpoena to explain why his department refuses to give the State investigators records dealing with police finances, transfers and promotions of policemen and officials and other activities of the department. It is presumed that in tackling promotions and demotions the State investigators are seeking to show that Tammany still has a voice in affairs at Police Headquarters.

If Commissioner Enright refuses to testify, as it is believed he may, the committee is prepared to proceed against him for contempt, as was done when Deputy Commissioner Leach challenged the right of a subcommittee to question him behind closed doors.

The Appellate Division will meet on June 29 and will then hear an appeal by the legislative committee in the Leach contempt proceedings. Mr. Leach has been upheld in the Supreme Court. Following the precedent set by the Leach case and relying on Justice Whitaker's decision upholding the Deputy Commissioner, it is believed Mr. Enright will take a similar stand.

In that event the committee will be able to make little headway in its inquiry into police affairs until the higher court rules on the entire committee meets in formal and open session. Elton R. Brown will examine Mr. Enright.

REFUSE TO ARBITRATE.

Rochester Builders Decline Offer of Samuel Untermyer.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 19.—Building trades employers of Rochester notified Samuel Untermyer they would not accept his offer to arbitrate the Rochester building trades strike since they believed George Eastman's award of a 15 per cent. reduction in the case of the bricklayers set a precedent which should be followed by all the building trades.

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UNTERMYER DID NOT BLAME WADSWORTH

Issues Statement Exonerating Senator and State Attorney-General.

ANSWER TO CRITICISM

Declares Neither Apparently Profited by Frontier Mortgage Corporation.

ITS PRACTICES IMPROPER

Lockwood Committee's Chief Counsel Sought to Show Loan Conditions.

Samuel Untermyer, chief counsel to the Lockwood legislative committee, which last week in Buffalo disclosed that United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., and Attorney-General Charles D. Newton were directors of the Frontier Mortgage Corporation, declared in a public statement yesterday that certain unfavorable comment concerning their connection with the company which followed the disclosure was undeserved. Mr. Untermyer added that there was no evidence to show that either Senator Wadsworth or Attorney-General Newton had in any way profited by the practices of the company.

The Frontier Mortgage Corporation was organized in May, 1920, to specialize in second mortgages. The prospectus of the corporation, in which the names of Senator Wadsworth and Mr. Newton, with those of some of Buffalo's most prominent business men, appeared as directors, advised prospective investors that the second mortgage business was conservative and profitable, and that estimated profits of at least 20 per cent. might be expected through discounting second mortgages at that rate.

It has been the contention of the Lockwood committee that this practice, which was shown to be common in New York city, operates as a distinct handicap to building construction, since by discounting a second mortgage at no high a rate the borrower actually is compelled to pay sometimes as high as 14 or 15 per cent. for his money.

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SYNAGOGUE STONE LAID.

Institutional Community Will Be Largest in America.

The cornerstone of the Institutional Synagogue, which when completed will be the largest Jewish community center in America, was laid yesterday at 37 to 43 West 118th street, with Representative Isaac Siegel, president of the synagogue; Henry Blankfort, chairman of the building committee; Judge Alfred J. Talley of General Sessions; Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Samuel Marx and Rabbi Isidor Goodman as speakers. Sol Lampert, a director of the institution, who laid the cornerstone, was presented with a gold trowel by Samuel Marx.

"The prospectus and transactions of the corporation were put in evidence, not on account of the connection of these gentlemen but notwithstanding that connection, in common with like testimony introduced in New York city in order to show the handicaps of the existing loan market to building operations."

"I do not regard the practices in which the corporation indulges as proper or legitimate, although there is nothing distinctly unlawful about them. At a time when the supplying of houses for the masses of our people has become the most serious problem of the day it was wrong to launch a corporation such as this, with a highly respectable board of directors, to prey upon the public need by exacting exorbitant interest and bonuses, but there is no evidence to show that Senator Wadsworth or Attorney-General Newton profited by these practices."

In a statement issued in Washington on Saturday Senator Wadsworth declared that he had invested in the company on the advice of friends who assured him that the company was carrying on a legitimate business in mortgages. He said that he knew nothing of the company's practice of demanding a 20 per cent. bonus on second mortgages purchased and added that when he was asked two weeks ago to become a director of the corporation he had written his associates instructions to the effect that his name should not be used as an inducement for the sale of the company's stock to other investors.

The Lockwood committee will resume its public hearings here Wednesday, when Mr. Untermyer plans to go further into the affairs of the Prudential Insurance Company with particular reference to the company's investments and the holdings of members of the directorate in financial institutions with which the Prudential funds are kept on deposit. The committee will also dig deeper into the advance in rents for office buildings and left premises during the last four or five years and as a starter will examine into the leases of the Equitable Office Building Corporation, the holding company which operates the Equitable Building at 120 Broadway.

APPEALS FOR UNBIASED REVISION OF CHARTER

The Real Estate Board of New York made public yesterday an appeal to Gov. Miller to disregard political expediency in appointment of the committee to have charge of the revision of the city charter, and to consider only the question: "How can a charter be framed which will clearly and simply provide for efficient local government for 6,000,000 people?"

When the committee is appointed, the board urges that it "throw to the line, let the chips fall where they may," and make a clean sweep of all unnecessary offices and departments.

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"An aristocratic mill found itself facing July First with an unpleasant inventory.

"Too much stock on hand—too little cash. Along came the Royal Tiger, at the right moment, with a fat pocketbook—and secured

this entire stock at fifty cents on the dollar.

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